



Frank Keating
Governor

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-17

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, in conjunction with President Clinton's federal announcement, hereby direct the appropriate steps be taken to fly all American flags on state property at half staff until 5:00 p.m. on the day of former Supreme Court Justice William Brennan's interment, who passed away on Thursday, July 24, 1997.

Brennan was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower. During his tenure, he wrote 1,200 opinions, the second highest number in Supreme Court history. Brennan's decisions in civil rights cases enforced strict school desegregation plans, upheld affirmative action programs designed to help minorities overcome past discrimination and sought to secure constitutional equality for women.

He retired from the court in 1990 after nearly 34 years as the architect of some of the most important decisions of his generation on civil rights and social reform.

This executive order shall be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Central Services who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 25th day of July 1997.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Keating", written over a horizontal line.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gay Ann Smedley", written over a horizontal line.

Acting Assistant Secretary of State